



TOWER TALK

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SPRING IS BACK AND SO IS TOWER TALK!

The Communications Committee, chaired by **Linda Crum**, announces the return of a full-sized Tower Talk in May! It will have the usual features, but the availability date each month will change. Thanks to the rotating bulletins in our elevators and mail lobbies, which list committee dates and announcements, the Tower Talk crew can avoid the mad rush to make that information available on the 1st day of the month. Look for copies soon thereafter in the racks or on our website americanplazatowers.org

The returning Tower Talk also has a new editor. He is Matt McCloud, a freelance editor who works on academic projects and now adds our newsletter. He taught English in Japan for two years, while developing his interest in Japanese language and culture. Now his main hobby is duplicate Bridge, which he plays weekly. His other interests are snowshoeing, hiking, writing poetry, and appreciating modern art. He's a versatile guy who will be a good fit for our newsletter!

WHAT HAPPENED WHILE WE WERE GONE?

Lots and lots! The outstanding achievements of our AP Board, the committees and ad hoc work groups will be fully reported at this 2013 April Annual Meeting. Tower Talk will highlight these reports in the May issue. In our busy community, you can be sure there was plenty of action in the casual social groups.

Three new groups were formed:

SASS (Single Adults Socializing and Sharing)

Francia White took the initiative on this excellent idea. She developed a list of single residents, devised a form for people to identify themselves and their interests, and then called a meeting in Lincoln Lounge. Some people have gotten together for movies, dinners, or concerts. **Francia** organized a group to attend a high tea, and **Kenny Bratz** did the same for a special event on classical music rejuvenation. If you want to join the fun, contact **Francia** at 503.224.0799.

Walking Group

Take a morning jaunt with your neighbors! A great way to get that needed exercise and make new friends in the process. Walks of various lengths and in a variety of locales are offered. See the listings of walks on the APTCA website and on bulletin boards. A big thank you to **Ray Honerlah** for organizing this new activity. If you have questions, contact **Ray** at 503-719-6775 or halrenoh@comcast.net. *(see next page)*

*If you would like to join our writing team for Tower Talk or have some good ideas for future articles, please contact **Carol Wallace** at 503.274.9035 or cwallace66@aol.com*

Plaza Kids and Parents



Eloise isn't the only kid living at the Plaza these days! Our towers now boast an ever-growing group of young folks – from babies, to toddlers and school age youngsters. Our holiday party in December, thanks to the efforts of **Elke Poehling**, included a lively and entertaining band of kiddies, including **Guglielmo Landi** (left) and **Amelia Anderson** and

Onika Darling (below). Then in mid-December, Elke and **Dorothy Osgood** organized a holiday gathering, where the children played and the parents got acquainted.

Another Play Date for Kids and Parents has been set for Sunday, April 28 from 3 to 5 pm in the Siverson Board Room.

Visiting kids and grandkids are welcomed to join in. For more info, contact: **Dorothy Osgood** at 503-593-7788 or bosgood@opusnet.com.



One familiar group made significant changes:

Music at the Plaza (formerly 1st Monday Music Night)

This popular activity began as a get-together of residents who enjoyed singing and sharing casual performances, singing solos, or playing instruments. Our resident jazz band soon joined the group. They would add guest instrumentalists from time to time or invite other jazz groups.

When AP purchased a baby grand piano, new opportunities opened up. Professional musicians agreed to play for us but could perform only if scheduled during the day or on days other than the 1st Monday. We couldn't pass up this opportunity to hear solos or chamber music played by members of the Oregon Symphony (thank you AP residents **Trevor Fitzgerald**, **Marilyn de Oliveira** and friends!) or **Boyd Osgood's** wind instrument players. So we changed the name and invite all

residents to suggest musical events they could bring to our plaza.

Please contact **Alma Cunningham** at 503.223.9298, almac@hevanet.com and she will help with arrangements for using Siverson Lounge. Let's keep Music at the Plaza on a roll!

And two long-standing groups continue to meet:

Closet Crafters – 2nd Saturday of each month Next Meets: May 11/ 1 to 3 pm / Lincoln Lounge

This is your chance to be creative! Share your special talents with others and learn new skills from them. Current attendees include experts in needlepoint, knitting and paper crafts. The group is also taking on a special project: knitting 200 scarves for distribution to the homeless this fall. It will be simple, straight knitting that anyone can do. Join in for this worthy cause and meet some great neighbors in the process! For more info, contact **Linda Arnold** at 503-228-2356 or L2Arnold@yahoo.com

Happy Hour – Every Friday 5 to 7 pm / Lincoln Lounge

For years Plaza residents have kicked off the weekend with a visit to Happy Hour. It's a perfect way to meet your neighbors, catch up on community activities, and enjoy some good eats. New residents – both owners and renters – are especially welcome. For all but the last Friday of each month, bring your beverage and an appetizer for 6 to 8. On the last Friday, the group hosts a Special Celebrations Potluck to honor those having birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events that month. Please bring a potluck dish; cake provided. Don't like to cook or don't have the time? Just bring yourself!

Lincoln Lounge Party! Friday, April 19 / 5 to 7 pm

Join Happy Hour to celebrate the reopening of the upgraded lounge.

Bring your beverage, and if you wish, an appetizer to share.